

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Parnell Memorial Library
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
February 26, 2018
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Dee Woodham, Reed Prince, DeAnna Smith
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore, Susan Hayes, Sharman Brooks
Others Present: Steve Gilbert, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce; Mary Ellen Heuton, Tiffany Bunt, and Dean Peters, University of Montevallo; Alex Dudchock, County Manager; Chad Scroggins, Development Services; Hollie Cost, Mayor; Rusty Nix, Montevallo City Council

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Woodham.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Dean Peters spoke about the College of Fine Arts and the certificates based education program UM is working to install for film and television based job markets. The program contains several different modules that would run consecutively and include job placement assistance components. Programs are currently scheduled to be online with the opening of the Center for the fall 2019 academic year. The groundbreaking ceremony is currently scheduled for April 19th for the Center.

Mayor Cost stated the city had been proposed as an Opportunity Zone based on impoverished areas which would create opportunities for the city to attract investors with tax abatement incentives. She further stated a MAX pilot transit system may be offered to the city for one year, set to start in August alongside the incoming freshman population, at no cost. Mr. Dudchock suggested the city consider the sustainable expense for the service to determine if the pilot would be worthwhile for one year.

Mayor Cost stated the wifi connectivity in downtown has been completed.

Chairman Woodham stated the planning efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan and other design plans-were underway by Ms. Morgan, Ms. Brooks and Mr. Lehman.

Phase 2 & 3 of the paving project were discussed. Portions of Oak & Valley streets repaving were placed on hold until the Center for the Arts is constructed and were replaced with West Street, Industrial Drive and Parkview.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve up to \$400 for parking stops in the Main Street Tavern parking lot in an effort to prevent vehicular damage to landscaping. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve up to \$800 for gravel and hydrangeas for Owls Cove Park. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

Ms. Smith stated UM would be hosting the “Warrior Challenge” a family fun obstacle run on April 21st from 9am to 1 pm to benefit the Arts Council. She welcomes all volunteers.

The Board discussed the pedestal in Owls Cove Park and the concept of displaying local art atop it. As of now, safety standards have not been put in place to ensure safety of the art being displayed. Professor Young will prepare guidelines for student art.

Mr. Gilbert stated the city would be hosting an electronics recycling day on March 17th.

Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Woodham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all with a three to zero vote.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.